



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
2 NAVY ANNEX  
WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

TRG  
Docket No: 7023-01  
23 January 2002

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Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10 of the United States Code section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 23 January 2002. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You enlisted in the Navy on 11 December 1990 at age 20. On 6 June 1991 you received nonjudicial punishment for an unauthorized absence of about 32 hours. Subsequently, you were referred for an evaluation after you admitted to problems with alcohol and several suicide attempts. During the evaluation, you claimed that you drank 12 beers every night and admitted to using marijuana on two occasions and LSD 18 to 20 times. You also admitted to two suicide attempts during 1991. You were diagnosed with alcohol dependence and a borderline personality disorder. The psychologist believed that you were a high risk for self-destructive acting out and emotional instability, which would result in poor performance.

Based on the foregoing, you were processed for an administrative separation by reason of the diagnosed personality disorder. In connection with this processing, you stated that "I do not object to this separation." On 5 August 1991, you elected to waive treatment at a Department of Veterans Affairs Hospital for your alcohol dependence. You were issued an honorable discharge on 9 August 1991. At that time, you acknowledged that you were not recommended for reenlistment and were assigned an RE-4

reenlistment code.

You desire a change in the reenlistment code so that you can enter an officer program upon completion of your degree in electrical engineering. However, regulations allow for the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code when an individual is discharged because of a diagnosed personality disorder. The Board concluded that the diagnoses of personality disorder and alcohol dependence, and your admission of extensive LSD use and suicide attempts were sufficient to support the assignment of the RE-4 reenlistment code.

Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director